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Of the Bathgate Family

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Some of his Doscendants.

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DAVID DICK HAMILTON OF BATHGATE AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

Of the Hamiltons of Bathgate no special arms are recorded. Under the circumstances it seems allowable for an American Hamilton family undoubtedly descended from the parent Hamilton stock to bear that part of the ducal Hamilton arms belonging especially to the Hamilton name. These arms are: Gules, three cinquefoils, pierced, ermine. Crest: In a ducal coronet, Or, an oak fructed and penetrated transversely in the main stem by a frame-saw proper, the frame Or. Motto: Through.

The Hamiltons of Bathgate in Linlithgowshire were descended from Sir William de Hamilton, Knight, the third son of Sir David de Hamilton, Dominus de Cadyow, and his wife Johanetta de Keith. That the American family whose pedigree is given below is of the Bathgate family is probable though not certain. The Hamilton stock in Scotland, however, is the same for all branches; the family is a Lowland family and, unlike the Highland families, it is almost certain that every person bearing the surname Hamilton has in his veins the blood of the famous founder of the house.

The family whose pedigree is here given is represented most prominently in the fourth generation (from David Dick Hamilton) by HAROLD HARRIS HAMILTON of New York, President of the Whiting Manufacturing Company, with offices at Broadway and Eighteenth Street, Manhattan.

David Dick, born June 5, 1753, a native of Bathgate, Linlithgowshire, Scotland, whose mother was a Hamilton and whose father was Thomas Dick, to avoid being impressed into military service in Edinburgh came secretly to Nova Scotia in 1780, and at once and permanently took his mother's name Hamilton. A letter, perhaps the first, to his brother John Dick, is dated October 20, 1781.

John Dick married in June 1781, Henrietta Euston, and the father Thomas (there can be little doubt that the father was Thomas, for see further on) died in November 1781. David and John had a sister Catherine, who was married about 1793 to James Brown, a printer, and had one son Hamilton, born about two years after, "who turned out poorly." John Dick who was born in 1750 was a merchant in Bathgate and took care of his father until he died.

Among the old Bathgate friends of David Dick Hamilton was William Calder Black, Lord Provost of Edinburgh in 1811, who had a sister Elizabeth married to "Jamie" Muir, and a brother Alexander who lived "about Perth". There seems to have been some business connection between John Dick and Andrew Ferguson, merchant, of Bathgate.

One letter from John Dick to his brother David was sent by the Rev. Hugh Graham "minister of the Burgher persuasion" who came from Scotland to Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, by invitation of the church there, in 1785. This letter bears date: June 17th, 1785. September 16th, 1800, John Dick writes: "I am glad you have remembered your father's name in your last son. I will some time or other send him a new coat." This son was undoubtedly Thomas, who was born about 1800.

(This and other letters are in the possession of Mrs. T. L. Dodge, of Kentville, Nova Scotia, who was Harriet Amy Hamilton[3])

John Dick speaks of a Gavin Hamilton of Bathgate, who had gone to St. John, N. B., "or thereabouts", and who had worked at a lime quarry.

John Dick's children were:

Janet,
Thomas,
Nancy,
Catherine,
Two other sons, one a physician.

Two of these daughters, it is believed, married ministers.

Another of John Dick's friends was James Mitchell, merchant in Glasgow and Halifax, N. S., who died in America before July, 1788.

July 25th, 1788, John Dick writes to thank his brother David for a "name son", "although", he says, "I think you should have remembered your father."

DAVID HAMILTON married probably at Beau Sejour, Cumberland Co., N. S., Amy Dickson and had

Children:

William[2] b. 1783 died aged 96. He married Sally Ritchey and had John Williams who died at Wolfville.

Anne[2] b. 1785 - m. to Bartholomew Lawson of Halifax.

John[2] (See below)

Amy[2] b. 1787 - m. Andrew Blair.

Rebecca[2] -- m. -- Orr.

Thomas[2] -- m. Mary Blair. He had no sons, but his daughters were Mrs. William Brown, and Mrs. Graham, both of Wolfville, N. S.

David[2] -- m. Esther O'Brien of Windsor. He had a son David, Registrar of Deeds at Windsor, N.S.

Miner[2] -- d. single.

Janet[2] b. 1803, m. to John Morris of Walton.

Charles[2] b. 1799, m. to Margaret Marshall.

JOHN HAMILTON[2] (David [1]) m. September 8, 1820, Anne Richardson Marshall, b. August 27th, 1785. She died January 1st, 1863. He died March 23, 1864. They are buried in Sackville, N.S.

Children.

Anne Maria[3] b. July 18th, 1821.
Clement Alexander[3] b. January 20, 1823.
Janet Emeline[3] b. June 4th, 1824.
David Stuart[3] b. September 1, 1825.
Charles Henry[3] b. November 27, 1826.
Harriet Amy[3] b. August 3, 1828, m. to Hon. Thomas Lewis Dodge, M. L. C., and the mother of four sons. In 1905 she is still living in Kentville, Nova Scotia.

DAVID STUART[3] (John[2] David[1]), b. Sept. 1, 1825, m. Aug. 5th, 1863, Josephine Collins (Hamilton) Eaton, daughter of Otho and Maria (Starr) Hamilton, b. December 11, 1826, d. in Philadelphia, March 9, 1900.

Children.

Harold Harris[4] b. May 6th, 1864.
Mary Stuart[4], b. April 13,1865.
Janet Gordon[4], b. Oct. 22, 1867.
Victor Prescott[4],b. Feb.19,1870.
Charles Frederick[4],b.Nov.8,1872, d. May 5, 1873.

In 1847 Stuart Hamilton graduated at King's College, Nova Scotia, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

In 1868, he received from the now extinct University of Bedford, Shelbyville, Tenn., the honorary degree of D. C. L.

May 18th, 1873, he was ordained Deacon in the Protestant Episcopal Church, at Mobile, Alabama, he having originally intended to take Holy Orders. He was a noted classical teacher, occupying high positions both in Nova Scotia and in the United States. He died suddenly at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, May 4th, 1874, and is buried there.

Josephine Collins Hamilton,, his wife, was first the wife of John Rufus Eaton, to whom she was married December 1st,1849. Mr. Eaton died in Boston Nov. 4th, 1851. By her first marriage Josephine C. Hamilton had two children: Emma Maria, b. Jan. 12th, 1851, d. June 8th, 1851; Grace Hunnewell, b. March 12th, 1852.

HAROLD HARRIS[4] m. June 27th, 1892, Winnifred Rebecca, daughter of George Henry and Mary (Higgins) Adams.

Children.

Stuart Adams, b. April 17th, 1893.
Bethesda, b. July 29th, 1894.

Janet Gordon[4], m. Oct. 6th, 1887, William Lamond MacMillan.

Children.

Janey Hamilton, b. June 3d, 1888.
William Stuart, b. Aug. 18th, 1890.

ANNE (RICHARDSON) MARSHALL was the daughter of Alexander Richardson, a native of Haddington, Scotland, who came out to Prince Edward Island with Governor Walter Patterson, as Private Secretary. Later he taught a grammar school, receiving, also, meanwhile a large tract of land at Charlottetown. He had but one brother, James, who settled in Cape Breton.

His wife was Nancy Whittingham, of Whitby in Yorkshire, England. He was engaged to her when he received the appointment of private secretary to Gov. Patterson and they were married just before he was to sail. She was to have sailed with him but her clothes being delayed and she having a superstition about going on board before her clothes, the vessel set sail with her husband on board and she was obliged to embark in another ship. This ship making into Quebec she did not see her husband for six months. On embarking the passengers found that a very little girl belonging to some people who had come to see friends off, had been left behind. Mrs. Richardson took care of this child and kept her for some ten or eleven years, the child's parents meantime both dying of grief at their loss. By a singular coincidence friends of the child at last heard of her whereabouts and she was sent back to England. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson finally left P. E. Island and settled in Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Richardson's mother came out to Prince Edward Island and died there. She had only one other child besides Anne, a daughter Rebecca, who was married to a Mr. Peterson of the dockyard at Norfolk, Va., and had no children.

Anne Richardson b. August 27th, 1785, m. to Joseph Marshall of Guysborough, whose father was colonel of a Loyalist regiment, of a family of planters and slave owners in Virginia, and who came to Nova Scotia at the close of the Revolutionary War.

Children.

John, b. 1808, m. a Miss Ballaine.
James, b. 1809, m. a Miss Cutler.
Margaret b. 1811, m. Charles Hamilton$^2$ brother of John$^2$.
Katherine b.1813, m. Thomas Fultz.

Mrs. Anne Marshall (as see above) was married Sept. 8th, 1820, to John Hamilton$^2$.

Extract from a letter written by Anne Maria (Hamilton) Fenerty to her niece, Mary Stuart Hamilton, November 28th, 1894. It was on recollection of statements made orally by Mrs. Fenerty, that the foregoing manuscript in its general features, was prepared.

"Alexander Richardson on receiving his appointment (see above) went to Yorkshire (in those days a journey involving some time) to see if his fiancee would agree and left with the understanding that she and her sister would join him in London, whither he went to make preparation for the voyage; the difficulties of which may be imagined when they had to have an armed convoy and indeed had three engagements with privateers. Nancy and her sister arrived in London just on the eve of the departure of the fleet. Richardson having taken berths for them all and deposited his belongings went to the church to be married, and the ladies having refused to let their boxes go on board until after the ceremony, the groom returned to the lodgings for the trunks. When he came to the place of embarkation, the ship had gone and he was forced to get on board the first he could reach. The only way I can account for his having taken a vessel bound for Quebec is that they had no idea it was a thousand miles further on, and thought that the places might possibly be within speaking distance. Even at this date our friends across the pond have no idea of our magnificent distances.

After they got settled in the new home everything went smoothly until the Governor was recalled and his place filled by a military martinet from Virginia, and for some reason all the former governor's friends were persecuted and driven from their places, but my grandfather had the advantage of a good, solid education which enabled him to hold his own, and he opened a grammar school and taught his two daughters to be useful and self reliant, but he died at the age of 44, about the beginning of the present century. His wife survived him two years and died the 27th of October, 1803,

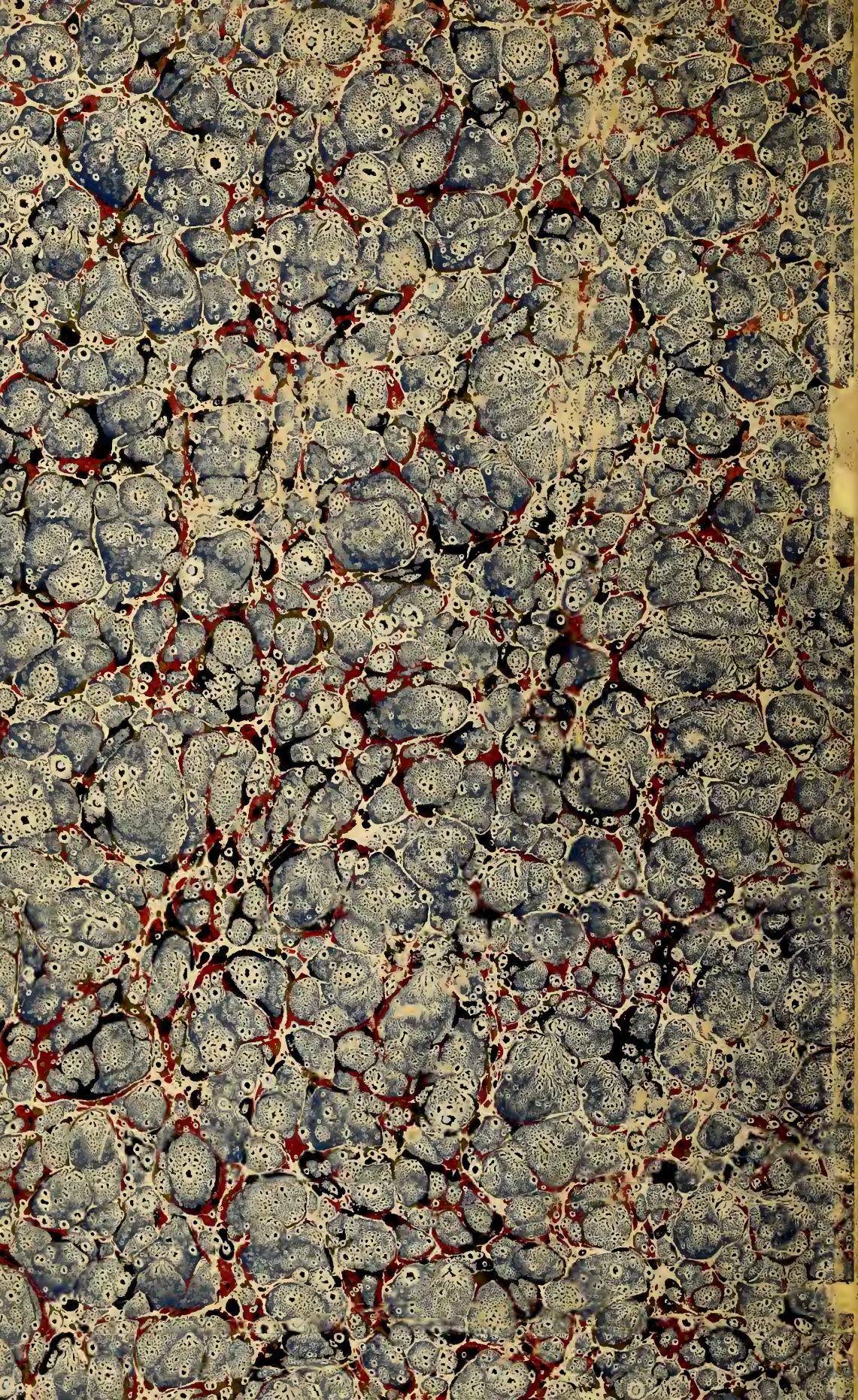
aged 47 years, the only memo. I have. The two daughters knew nothing of business and pretended friends took what they had and counselled their coming to Nova Scotia. What reasons they gave for their advice, deponent knoweth not. They came over to Guysboro some time early in the century and my mother took a small school in an out of the way place and some time in 1809 married Joseph Marshall and had two sons and two daughters. One survives, Mrs. Hamilton, aged eighty three years.

The Marshalls were an Irish family living in Virginia and owning slaves, holding all the class distinctions of the South and as proud as Lucifer. They were all massacred by the Indians except Joseph, who in consequence of his gallant conduct and in recompense for his losses had a captain's commission in the army given him by the British, so his retired half pay gave him a living in those days of thrift and economy, and he brought up and educated his three sons. The oldest, Joseph, went in trade, James was captain of a merchantman, and John a lawyer, who was afterwards Judge of the Supreme Court. They and their families have all joined the great majority.

My father's family made less stir in the world, and I know but little of them. The old man never told his children anything about his former life, and we had nothing but his old letters; the fact of his being impressed on board of a man of war and on his arrival at Halifax leaving the ship, was told by some Scotchman who knew him at home. I do not know that I ever heard who his wife's father was only I know it was Dickson, as we were afterward acquainted with a cousin James Dickson, whose mother was a sister of my grandmother and who had married a Dickson.

The oldest son, William Dickson Hamilton, had several sons, one John William now lives at Greenwich, Port Williams, the only survivor. Uncle David had but one son, now Registrar of Deeds at Windsor, but I do not imagine you want any particulars about any but my father, and I shall drop them.

My brother Clement had four sons and two daughters all living in Boston. Charles had one son and three daughters, living in Boston, and for my sisters we are here in Nova Scotia. I hope I am clear to you. If any further information is wanted, I will do my best."

(The information here given of the Marshall family is not wholly clear. John G. Marshall was for many years a Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia; my impression is that he was a son of Joseph Marshall by an earlier marriage than his marriage to Anne Richardson, but this can be ascertained in Guysborough Nova Scotia, or by appeal to some other Marshall in the Province. All the record above given of Marshall children is subject to correction.)

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